

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
General Session
May 9, 2008
Boise, Idaho

President White called the General Session of the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:35 a.m. In attendance for the meeting, President White, Commissioners Thomas Banducci, Dwight Baker, Newal Squyres, Doug Mushlitz, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Legal Education Director Terri Muse, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as the secretary.

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of April 4, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission was provided with the March 31 and April 30 financial reports. As of April 30, 74.8% of revenue was collected and 31.29% of expenses incurred. The Commission requested that the report include the current month last year and current month this year.

AWARDS

The Commission selected the following 2008 award recipients.

Distinguished Lawyer: It was moved, seconded and passed to select Bill Olson, Pocatello, and David Nevin, Boise, as the 2008 Distinguished Lawyers.

Professionalism: It was moved, seconded and passed to select the following Professionalism Award recipients for 2008: First District - Will Herrington, Second District – Ron Blewett, Third District – Carl Hamilton, Fourth District –Karen Gowland and Mike Gilmore, Fifth District – Keith Roark, Sixth District – Randy Budge, Seventh District – Steve McGrath.

Service – It was moved, seconded and passed to select the the following Service Award recipients for 2008; TomWhitney, Dick Clifford, Russ Heller, Judge Jon Shindurling, Bob Aldridge, Jack Haycock, Derrick O'Neill, Betty Richardson, and Rinda Just.

Pro Bono – It was moved, seconded and passed to select the following Pro Bono Award recipients for 2008: Roland Watson, Muriel Burke, Jordan Taylor, Kimberly Brooks, Jeremy Brown, Jeff Howe, Cathy Naugle, Lauren Reynoldson, Patrick Mahoney, Stephen J. Muhonen, Jim Martin , LaDawn Marsters, Kathie Levison, Don Marler, Fred Hoopes and Lary Larson.

REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER TO ACTIVE STATUS

Ken Ecklund – The Commission considered a request from Kenneth Ecklund to transfer from affiliate to active status. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Kenneth Ecklund's request to transfer to

active status with the condition that his 10 hours of CLE be in courses not related to water resources or energy and the additional requirement of attending the practical skills course.

Bernadette Buentgen – The Commission considered a request from Bernadette Buentgen to transfer from affiliate to active status. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Ms. Buentgen's request to transfer to active status conditioned on her taking the essay portion of the bar exam and the MPRE.

The Commission recommended that IBCR 304 be included in the information for those that plan to transfer from active to affiliate or inactive.

ISB LOGO REDESIGN

The Commission reviewed two proposed new logos for the Idaho State Bar. The Commission did not select either of the designs presented. The Commission requested that the staff consider updating the current logo or using HP logo design to develop additional options for consideration.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION REQUEST

The Commission considered a request from the ISB Young Lawyer Section chair to contribute to the cost of his attendance at the ABA Young Lawyers Division Conference. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve a contribution of \$500 to Kahle Becker for his costs to attend the 2008 YLD Conference in San Diego.

CONTESTED JUDICIAL ELECTION SURVEY

The Commission discussed the recent survey of candidates in the Idaho Supreme Court contested election. The Commission agreed that the Judicial Independence Committee should review the survey and the process and make a recommendation about the future of the survey.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

The Commissioners were joined by Concordia University representatives; President Chuck Schlimpert, Executive VP Gary Withers, and Board member Andrew White. The representatives made a presentation on the progress of Concordia's plans to open a law school in Boise in 2009.

2008 ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

The Commission was provided with a draft schedule for the July 2008 Annual Business Meeting luncheon.

The Commission discussed agenda items for the July 10 meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court: the bar exam, law school, judicial survey, annual convention, rules, section II of the bar commission rules.

2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Commission was provided with a draft schedule for the 2008 Annual Conference scheduled for October in Sun Valley. The Commission discussed the agenda and agreed to schedule the distinguished lawyer event for Wednesday evening.

SECOND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Executive Director reported that John Judge, lawyer member of the Second District Magistrate Commission, resigned because he is an applicant for a magistrate judge position. The Second District Bar is soliciting candidates and plans to submit a nomination in the next few weeks. The Commission agreed to vote by email once the nomination is submitted and confirm the vote at the July Board meeting.

ABA DELEGATE APPOINTMENT

The Executive Director reported that the ABA Delegate position was advertised in the May Advocate, with a deadline for interested applicants at the end of May. The Commission agreed to vote by email for the delegate once the application deadline passes and then confirm the vote at the July Board meeting.

BOC ELECTION UPDATE

The Commission was provided with the canvass for the 2008 Board of Commissioner election; Deborah Ferguson was elected to represent the 4th District and James Meservy was elected to represent the 3rd and 5th Districts.

CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

The Commissioners were provided with the ISB Board of Commissioners and ILF Board of Directors Code of Ethical Conduct for their signatures.

OFFICE SPACE LEASE

The Executive Director reported that the office space lease with ALPS Corporation is almost complete. Todd Points begins working in the Law Center later this month.

LICENSING UPDATE

The Commission was provided with a list of the lawyers that have been reinstated to the practice of law after having their licenses cancelled for nonpayment of license fees.

NORTHWEST STATES BAR LEADER MEETING

The Commission was provided with the minutes from the April 10 Northwest States Bar Leader Meeting in Seattle.

BAR EXAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

President White reported on the April 15 meeting of the committee to review the content of the bar exam and how the scores of the sections of bar exam are weighted. The notes from the meeting were provided to the Commission.

BELLWOOD LECTURE COMMITTEE

President White reported on the meeting of the Bellwood Lecture Committee, consisting of Chief Justice Eismann, Dean Don Burnett and ISB President Terry White.

PRACTICE SECTION UPDATE

Terri Muse provided a summary of the section activities as of the end of April, 2008.

IDAHO SUPREME COURT ORAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

The Commission was provided with the Supreme Court Oral Conference minutes for March and April, 2008 conferences.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS CLIPPINGS

The Commission was provided with the following: April 2, 2008 membership statistics – 5,062; April 2008 LRS Statistics, *Miscellaneous Letters/Info*; letters, ABA Information, and news clippings for the past month.

There being no further business, the General Session adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director